The Watchman and Southron.

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POSTAL DIRECTORY.

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Arrivals and Departures of County Mails.
Bishopville Mails arrive on Monday's Wednesdays and Fridays, 12 M., and leave 1. P. M. same days.
Smithville and Providence Mails arrive on Mondays, Wednesday's and Fridays, at 12 M., and leave 2 P. M. the same days.
JNO. A. WHITTEMORE, P. M.
LEONARD W. CORBETT, Assistant P. M.

Rev. F. C. Hickson preached an admirable sermon in the Baptist Church on Sunday night.

The County Sunday School Convention meets in the Baptists Church on Friday next at 11 A. M.

The examination of teachers for our County Schools is going on at the School Commissioner's office.

Mr. T. C. Scaffe has put down two pumps on the streets for public use at the instigation of some of our citizens.

There is some talk about having a tower built for the new Town Bell back of the Court House.

A colored man was heard to say yesterday on the streets "that he just as leave die trying to steal something to eat, as to die any other way."

The idea is growing that a competent female teacher is entitled to the same compensation that a male teacher of similar grade receives. Why not?

Two of our sable-hued citizens were up before the Town Authorities yesterday for sundry misdemeanors. The result was $3.00 in the treasury. It don't pay to swear or lie drunken in the streets.

We are under renewed obligations to Mr. A. A. Solomons for valuable New York papers. Among others he sends 'The Telegram,' issued from the Herald office, the net proceeds of which are a thousand dollars per week.

There were several immigrants on our streets last Saturday night, and by the amount of trampoosing that was done, they seemed disposed to know something of our little burg before leaving it.

As will be seen by the notice, Prof. Agostini who has opened a dancing school at Music Hall, will give a Soiree on Thursday evening to which the ladies and gentlemen of Sumter are invited. The Wilmington Review says of him: Prof. Agostini is a perfect gentleman and a thorough teacher.

New Advertisements.

We want to call your attention to the new cards which appear in this issue. H. Schwerin shows up a number one hand, and seems to be in earnest about what he says. Mr. John Reid also comes to the front in an ample style. We learn that the ladies are flocking to his store, and we do not censure them for doing so. Suppose you give him a twist also.

Harby Bros. have on hand fine Horses, prime Timothy Hay, a full line of Buggies and Wagons, and also Harness for same. They are expecting arrivals of Hay, Corn and Oats by the Car load.

Read the advertisement of "The New Grocery," by Spann and Russell and act accordingly.

Deaths.

Samuel LaCoste, of Mayesville, died on the 7th inst.

Josheph Miller, of Providence, lost his wife last Wednesday.

Mrs. W. K. Bell of Manning died on the 7th inst.

Hiram Seymour, an old citizen of Concord, died on last Thursday.

Mr. Joseph Baker, of Swimming Pens, lost a child on the 8th inst.

Mrs. E. C. Horton, of Manning, died on the 6th inst.

Mrs. Elizabeth Josey, of Mannville, died on last Tuesday.

For the past week four colored people have died in this vicinity.

Theft.

Last Sunday morning between 1 and 2 o'clock a colored man entered the bed-chamber of Mrs. J. T. Solomons, and stole her fine gold watch off the bureau. The first thing the scoundrel did after he got into the room, was to push the wick of the candle down into the melted tallow, thus extinguishing the flame. The thief, upon procuring the watch, started for the window where he came in at, and in going around the bed his foot struck against something which woke Mrs. Solomons whereupon she began screaming, to prevent which the negro grabbed hold of Mrs. Solomons' foot to scare her into silence, but she continued to give the alarm of distress and the negro let go his hold and made his escape through the window.

School House Burned.

The fire fiend seems to be raging foot-loose in Mayesville. On Monday night of last week the school house erected by private funds for the use of Rev. M. L. Ball, was burned to the ground. A building on the same spot, erected for the same purpose, was burned some months ago. The present building was partly insured.

We are at a loss to know what this destruction means. If the building had been put up for evil purposes, there might be a shadow of excuse. But as the matter stands, it is truly enigmatical.

We learn that the parties concerned are willing to pay five hundred dollars for proof to convict the guilty party, and also that they intend now to erect a house that cannot be burned down.

Real Estate Transfers

Filed in the office of Register of Mesne Conveyance for Sumter County, from the 3d to the 10th of September 1881:

Guignard Richardson, Master, to Thos. R. Harney. Deed to lot of 6 acres in the town of Sumter, $54.

Guignard Richardson, Master, to Thos. R. Hartey. Deed to lot in the town of Sumter, known as the Tan Yard, supposed to contain 3 acres, $130.

John C. Muldrow to John M. Player. Deed to 100 acres situate on the West side of Hope Swamp, $1000.

Yesterday there was an election in the town of Union to decide by ballot whether barrooms would be licensed. We have not heard the result.

A Newberry man wishing to re-construct the tissue ballot business has gone to Washington to secure a patent on a fraud preventing ballot-box.

The farmers, merchants and tax-payers of Anderson County, will meet to-day for the purpose of discussing the situation and uniting upon such course as may be deemed best under the circumstances, to get clear of debt, and be ready to start anew next year.

Arrangements are being made for a prize fight between John L. Sullivan, of Boston, and Paddy Ryan, of Troy, for $5,000. It is not to take place for some months.

THE PRESIDENT.

His condition has not been so good during the past few days, but the dispatches of yesterday say the bad symptoms have decreased, and he is resting a good deal better.

OUR WILMINGTON CARDS.

We invite the attention of our readers to the cards of Wilmington business houses to be found in our paper, and take pleasure in saying that we have personally known the proprietors of nearly all of them for a long time, and have found them pleasant gentlemen, and upright business men:

Those who want anything in the Hardware and Iron line will find it at the store of

NATHANIEL JACOBI,

No. 10 South Front Street. He sells at wholesale and retail, and has the Agency of the Manufacturers of Cooking and Heating Stoves, Sash, Doors, and Blinds and Paints and Oils. A full assortment of French and American Window Glass, of all sizes, will also be found there.

Those who have anything to sell or want to buy anything will find their man in

D. L. GORE,

Wholesale Grocer and Commission Merchant, Nos. 2 and 3 South Water Street. He deals in Cotton, Naval Stores, Peanuts &c., on commission, and keeps a large stock of groceries.

There are, no doubt, many old established households in need of refurnishing, as well as some new beginners who want to know where they can do the best for themselves.

PARKER & TAYLOR,

19 South Front Street, can subply anything from a Cooking Stove to a bird-cage. Tinware they manufacture and sell at wholesale as well as retail, and almost anything wanted, in the Housefurnishing line, you can safely order it from them.

H. BRUNHILD & BRO.,

known to all our merchants as wholesale dealers in Liquors, Tobacco and Cigars, have lately gone into the Manufacture of Tobacco, of all grades, and are proprietors of the Cape Fear Tobacco Works. Many of our readers will probably be surprised to learn the extent of these works. They give employment to 140 hands, use steam power, and turn out 4500 pounds of tobacco daily.

B. F. MITCHELL & SON

have a large stock choice grades of Flour of their own manufacture, Meal, Hominy, and Cracked Corn, also selected seed Oats, Rye and Wheat, all of which they will sell at lowest market prices, guaranteeing quality, and deliver at Railroad free of drayage.

KERCHNER & CALDER BROS.

Cotton Factors and Wholesale Grocers, are prepared at all times to supply in any quantity Bagging, Ties, Twine, Groceries and Provisions. On Consignments of Cotton they make liberal advances and prompt returns. They also deal in the Celebrated Wilson, Childs & Co.'s Wagons, at manufacturers' prices.

Some of the supposed lost, around Savannah are straggling in with fearful accounts of hair-breadth escapes. This is so much better than being drowned.

The party who accompanied the President, exclusive of railroad attaches, consisted of twenty persons as follows: Mrs. Garfield and their daughter Mollie, Drs. Bliss, Agnew, Barnes, Woodward and Reyburn, Colonel and Mrs. Rockwell and their daughter Lula, General Swaim, Colonel Corbin, Private Secretary Brown, Dr. Boynton, Mrs. Dr. Edison, C. O. Rockwell and Warren Young. Three colored servants, Daniel Sprigg, Mary White and Elizabeth Cuttler, also accompanied the party.

How to get Sick

Expose yourself day and night, eat too much without exercise; work too hard without rest; doctor all the time; take all the vile nostrums advertised; and then you will want to know

HOW TO GET WELL

Which is answered in three words—Take Hop Bitters!—*Express.*

FEARFUL FOREST FIRES.

Whole Counties in Michigan Laid Waste.

Five Hundred People Burned to death—Heartrending Scenes and Incidents of the Terrible Conflagration.

Terrible fires raged last week in the woods of Michigan and Canada. The long-continued drouth had rendered everthing as dry as tinder, and numerous "flashings" of partly-cleared tracks of land, covered with brush, decayed timber and other inflammable materials, afforded the best possible medium for the rapid spread of flames carried by the high winds which prevailed. Sanilac and Huron, counties, lying on the shore of Lake Huron, between Port Huron and Saginaw Bay, were the scenes of the greatest destruction.

The following telegraphic despatch will give some idea of the terrible condition of affairs.

DETROIT, September 9.—The loss of life and property is immense. Dead bodies are being brought in from all directions. It is estimated that five hundred human beings have perished and that five thousand are homeless and in want of immediate assistance.

Details continue to come in relative to the destruction by forest fires. Huron and Salinac Counties have been the principal theatre of destruction and suffering. Eye-witnesses state that darkness and a copper colored sky preceded the approach of the fire. Later the sky changed to a deep red. On Monday afternoon it became so dark that lanterns were necessary for people to find their way. This condition of affairs continued until 8 o'clock on Wednesday morning, when the wind shifted from west to north, cooling the air and bringing a slight relief. In the woods were many scorched and charred bodies which presented a revolting appearance. The high winds that prevailad cut off nearly every avenue of escape, and large burning masses would be lifted up bodily and borne along for a great distance. In many instances these burning mases started fires in fresh places. The skill and courage of man seemed impotent to combat with such flames, and the flying people were caught in fire traps and roasted. One farmer was ploughing with his oxen a few miles from Sand Beach and preceiving the approaching darkness he started for his house. On reaching home he found that his wife had gone to a neighbor's. He then took two of his children, his eldest daughter taking three others. Before going many rods they found themselves cut off by the flames. The farmer then turned in another direction and escaped with two children. His daughter and the other three children were found next day all in a heap, charred beyond recognition. Up to Wednesday night forty-five bodies had been found within a mile in Paris Township.

Many are missing, most of them Poles. The whole settlement, buildings, fences, shops, &c., were swept clean. In Delaware Township, Allegante County, there is hardly anything left, not one house to the square mile. They were new settlers and had small clearings, and the fire swept them like a hurricane. The shore line has been crowded with human beings, cattle and everything that could get to the water. Eye-witnesses from Forestville say that the utmost confusion prevails. Many could not see; and one man who had lost his all was both blind and crazy and had to be led to the lake.

North of Sanilac the fire on Monday night was terrible, sweeping away almost everything, but it seemed to leave the houses. The people here did not know any fire was near them until it was on them, and they had to run for the lake, and being but a short distance away all reached it safely. A large party of men have gone to bury the dead bodies. In Forester Township many are so blind they had to be led, and many are without food. A number of parties have gone with food, clothing shoes and medicine. More help must come quick, as much suffering will ensue. They have no flour or provisions.

Geo. Ferguson, of White Rock, who has been on the road since Monday, reports that he has seen 116 burned bodies. At one place he saw four wagons bearing eight coffins with one man walking behind all alone. It was his family.

THE MARKETS.

SUMTER, S. C., Sept. 12, 1881.

COTTON—About 300 bales have been sold during the week ending Sept. 12th. The market closed steady. We quote: Good Ordinary 9⅛ to 9⅜; Low Middling 10½ to 10¾; Middling 10¾ to 10⅞; Good Middling 10¾ to 11.

WILMINGTON, Sep. 10—6 P. M.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE—The market was firm at 50 cents per gallon, with sales reported of 150 casks at that price.

ROSIN—The market was firm at $1 97½ for Strained and $2 05 for Good Strained, with sales as offered. Market strong and active for fine rosins on a basis of $2 50 for K Low Pale, $2 75 for M Pale, $3 00 for N Extra Pale and $3 25 for W Window Glass.

CRUDE TURPENTINE—Market firm at $3 50 per bbl for Yellow Dip and $2 80 for Virgin, with sales at quotations; being a reduction of one-fifth on Virgin.

COTTON—Market firm at 11⅛ cents bid for Middling, and 11¾ cts asked.

In April Last,

twenty-four members of Arlington's minstrels were taking Warner's Safe Kidney and Liver Cure. It made them happy.

Jay Gould controls $650,000,000, but he always thumps a watermelon before buying it and insists on down weight when purchasing a pound of sugar.

An infallible remedy for Fever and Ague is Ayer's Ague Cure. Wholly vegetable and containing no quinine, it is harmless and sure.

On Thursday last a Leavenworth woman gave a man an old, battered nickel for rescuing her from drowing. The man says the next time she falls in the water the old nickel get her before he moistens his clothes in another attempt to snatch her right from the brink of the subsequently.

Thousands have been cured of dumb ague, billious disorders, jaundice, dyspepsia and all diseases of the liver, blood and stomach, when all other remedies have failed, by using Prof. Guilmette's French Liver Pad, which is a quick and permanent cure for those disorders. Ask your druggist for the great remedy, and take no other, and if he does not keep it send $1.50 in a letter to the French Pad Co., Toledo, O., and receive one by mail postpaid.

August 23.